

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] The staple fiber strand 2 to be spun is fed to the drafting unit 3 in feed direction A and is withdrawn as a spun thread 1 in withdrawal ~~direction B~~ direction B. It is then fed further to a winding device (not shown). The only partly shown drafting unit 3 is advantageously designed as a three cylinder drafting unit and includes three roller pairs overall, each of which includes a driven bottom roller and an upper roller in the form of a pressure roller. A delivery roller pair 5,6 is arranged downstream of the first two roller pairs (not shown), of which delivery roller pair 5,6, the delivery roller 5 is a driven bottom roller and the delivery roller 6 is a pressure roller. In a drafting unit of this kind, the staple fiber strand 2 is drafted in the known way to the desired degree of fineness. Directly downstream of the drafting unit 3, a thin fiber strand 7 is present, which is drafted but still twist-free. The airjet assembly 4, which imparts the spinning twist, and is arranged downstream of the drafting unit 3 at a short distance therefrom, can in the case of the present invention correspond to the arrangement described in the above mentioned publication.